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NORTHWEST MISSOURI NEWS

The Most Important News Condensed From the Leading Papers, by A. A. Jeffery.

—The shortage of moisture in Clinton county is well shown by a summary in the Plattsburg Leader. In the twelve months ending July 1, 1918, the total rainfall was 21 inches, while the same months one year previous had yielded a normal rainfall of 37 inches.

—A 33.1-3 per cent increase in fees was unanimously adopted by the doctors of Clinton county in a meeting of their association at Plattsburg last week.

—Another record in fat cattle sales fell to Clinton county last week, when Sam B. Shoemaker sold 16 head of steers on the Kansas City market that averaged 1,455 pounds each and brought \$18.35 a hundredweight, or more than \$300 each.

—An unexpected reunion of two Missouri friends occurred in France the other day, according to the Liberty Tribune. Vic Iringer, a soldier boy, whose home is near Missouri City, was surprised and pleased the other day "over there" to find "Tobe," a mule that he formerly owned and had sold for war service back in Missouri. Tobe was doing service on a water wagon.

—A pair of two-year-old mules brought Clem Jeffers, of near Hopkins, \$475.

—A squirrel with real Hun tendencies was found at Hopkins the other day, says the Journal. He was eating the little fledglings from a songbird's nest and was promptly shot for his pro-German behavior.

—Without objecting unreasonably to other folks having a good time and fishing on his premises, a Nodaway county farmer, near White Cloud, does register a protest through the Hopkins Journal against the practice that the

pleasure seekers have of driving directly through his cornfields. He suggests, since these are war times, that they take the trouble to drive around the end of the field. He also objects to having them carry off the wrecks and ditch rims that disappeared from his cultivator last Sunday.

—The big fire at Burlington Junction, last week, was the occasion of a new record in cross-country motor driving. The big ten-thousand pound fire truck from Clarinda, Iowa, made the trip (24 miles) to the Junction in just one hour flat.

—Though his plant was destroyed in the big fire, Editor Mendenhall, of the Burlington Junction Post issues his paper without interruption from the plant of the Tribune at Maryville. As soon as a suitable location can be secured Mendenhall will install a complete and modern newspaper plant.

—Despite the \$75,000 fire the night before the Fourth of July, Burlington Junction folks celebrated the National day according to program, and the Post says that the patriotic meetings were attended by unusually large and earnest audiences.

—In their whirlwind campaign for a home demonstration agent, the women of Harrison county, who have long been organized for community work, secured 610 members pledged to support the movement morally and financially.

—A Putnam county soldier boy refuses to be drowned, says the Unionville Republican. Harry Johnson was on the President Lincoln when it went down, but was rescued. Then he came home on a furlough, and on his way back to the front chanced to take passage on the Columbia, the Illinois river pleasure boat, on its fateful trip from Peoria to Peoria; but again he was among the survivors.

—The idea of doubling production seems to have hit a turkey hen on the C. A. Warlick farm, near Amity, for she laid an early clutch of eggs, hatch-

ed them and when the little turks were nicely started, she laid another sitting of eggs and incubated them while the first little turks stayed near her and crept under her wings at night. And now she is raising the two broods together.

—A road grader dug up unexpected wealth for a farmer near Russellville, for in passing his farm it uncovered a rich vein of lead which will be developed.

—Without hesitation, Linn county proposes to be in the front rank on this home demonstration agent proposition, for their county court summarily appropriated the required money to meet the expenses of the new county servant.

—Dispensing entirely with bombs and firecrackers Lathrop enjoyed a Fourth of July celebration that was unusually enjoyable because of the lack of noise, says the Optimist, and cleared by its concessions and a sale nearly \$1,800 for the Red Cross.

—One of the curiosity-arousing shows at Lathrop's Red Cross Fourth of July celebration was the "Beast of Berlin." A great many persons paid a dime to enter the tent and gaze upon a father of mules that blushed for shame at the role he was obliged to play.

—When the government called for four doctors from Atchison county it was found that only eight of the eighteen doctors in that county were of eligible age—not over 55. Now all eight of the eligibles have volunteered to go to the front, and a committee has been appointed to select the county's quota from this patriotic group.

—Fifty years ago last week the Brookfield Gazette noted the arrival of the first number of the St. Joseph Gazette, "a seven-column daily paper representing the more respectable and conservative element of the Democratic party."

—In attempting to seine the 102 river, north of Maryville, the other evening, four young farmers became entangled in the seine and were drawn under the water when one of their number, Al Taylor, stepped into a deep hole. Only one of the young men, says the Maryville Tribune, was able to extricate himself, but he rescued two of his companions by hauling them to the bank with the seine in which they were struggling. Taylor was drowned.

—Having lived 62 years in Andrew county and occupied a large place in its public affairs, Judge J. L. Bennett died at Savannah last week, aged 82 years. The Reporter mentions his prominence as county judge, Baptist church worker, Democratic leader and breeder of famous Shorthorn cattle, but concludes that no where did his life radiate more beautifully than in his own home.

—Since shaves have been increased in price to 20 cents each at Macon, the Republican suggests that an uncut beard may now be made to save \$1.20 a week for the Red Cross.

—Thrashing rates in Harrison county have been set as follows: Oats, 5 cents a bushel; wheat and rye, 9 cents; millet, 25 cents; and timothy, 30 cents. Fifty threshermen attended the meeting at which these rates were approved, says the Bethany Republican.

—Putnam county's Jeff Davis—a resident of that county 71 years—died last week, aged 94.

—Eight of the teachers of the Richmond schools did not sign the contract which was expected by the board on or before July 1, says the Missourian.

—From 140 sheep, \$1,342.55 worth of wool at 65 cents a pound was sheared by D. P. McCain, near Pilot Grove, in Ray county.

—Having spent 28 years in continuous service as transfer driver between Richmond and Lexington Junction, W. R. Manley recently counted up his trips and found he had covered enough distance to have encircled the world several times.

—The reminiscences of two Ray county farmers who have been next farm neighbors more than 40 years, are quoted in the Richmond Missourian. The old neighbors were talking to each other over the fence the other day and Alonzo Bates reminded Arnold Bruns that they were similarly engaged one day in 1875—which was "grasshopper year" in Ray county. Bruns had been plowing corn with the first cultivator that Bates ever saw, and Bates had told him that grasshoppers were coming just a few miles away and that it was a useless waste of labor to continue work in the field. Bruns had been optimistic however, continuing at his work till dinner time. When he returned to the field after dinner the grasshoppers had arrived and not a stalk was left in his once fine field of corn.

—A horse that was drawing a buggy along a Gentryville road on the very brink of Grand river, shied suddenly at something he thought he saw in the water and though his side-stepping increased the distance between himself and the water, it had exactly the opposite effect on the occupants of

the buggy. The wheels of the vehicle were cramped and the three women occupying it were pitched headlong into the river. By rare good fortune, according to the Albany Ledger, two men came along the road in time to effect a rescue.

—War conditions have led the people of Platte City to reduce the 1918 session of their county fair to one day only, although that county holds the unique record of having had fifty-four consecutive one-week fairs.

—The explosion of a vulcanizer in a Burlington Junction garage started a blaze that grew so rapidly in its oily surroundings that seven of the town's best business buildings were destroyed and a total loss of \$65,000 was the result.

—Though he is working by the month Pete Peve bought four times as many war stamps as some men who own 160 acres of our high-priced land.

—Fairview Items in Hopkins Journal.

—Definite and final action was taken by the Clay county court last week in the matter of road building. By unanimous vote the court ordered 61 miles of road improved at a cost of \$99,000. The roads thus favored, says the Liberty Advance, are the Kansas City-Excelsior Springs road via Liberty; the Liberty-Holt road via Kearney; and the Jefferson Highway road from North Kansas City to the north county line via Smithville. The improvement will consist largely of grading and the construction of bridges and culverts.

County School Notes.

A letter from President Wilson to all school officers in the United States reads as follows:

"The war is bringing to the minds of our people a new appreciation of the problems of national life and a deeper understanding of the meaning and aims of Democracy. Matters which heretofore have seemed commonplace and trivial are seen in a truer light. The urgent demand for the production and proper distribution of food and other national resources has made us aware of the close dependence of individual on individual and nation on nation. The effort to keep up social and industrial organizations in spite of the withdrawal of men for the army has revealed the extent to which modern life has become complex and specialized.

These and other lessons of the war must be learned quickly if we are to intelligently and successfully defend our institutions. When the war is over we must apply the wisdom which we have acquired in purging and ennobling the life of the world.

In these vital tasks of acquiring a broader view of human possibilities the common school must have a large part. Teachers and school officers should increase materially the time and attention devoted to instruction bearing directly on the problems of community and national life.

War has given a new emphasis to the ideals of democracy and to the broader conceptions of national life, which must be brought out in public education.

In order that there may be definite material at hand with which schools may at once expand their teaching, Mr. Hoover and Commissioner Claxton have organized the proper agencies for the preparation and distribution of suitable lessons for the elementary grades and for the high school classes. Lessons thus suggested will serve the double purpose of illustrating in a concrete way what can be undertaken in the schools, and of stimulating teachers in all parts of the country to formulate new and appropriate materials drawn directly from the communities in which they live.

The regular August Teachers' Examination will be held in Oregon, Friday and Saturday, August 2 and 3.

Two boys were on hand, Saturday, July 6, to take the competitive examination to be eligible to attend the Boys' School at the State Fair. By next week we shall probably be able to announce the name of the fortunate boy.

ALBERTA GREEN-MURPHY,
County Superintendent of Schools.

Slander.

It is abominable little-tattle. The cud chewed by human cattle. We are living in an age when nations are at each other's throats. War is a horror—it's aim is to take life, but he who slanders one leaves them here in this sin-cursed world with nothing to live for.

Slander is a blighting poison; it searches all corners of the world for victims. Living, he is a traveling pest; dead, his soul is too deeply stained for hell. Oh, reader, shun evil speaking—deal tenderly with the absent; say nothing to inflict a wound on their reputation. There is a weakness in our fallen nature to listen to the retailers of petty scandal. With many it is the spice of conversation; a careless remark may be seized by a babbler and as it passes through the babbling tribe each one adds to its bulk, and gives it color a darker hue until it assumes the magnitude and blackness of base slander. To trace calumny back to the small fountain of petty scandal is often impossible. There are insects and reptiles which fulfill the ends of their existence by tormenting us; so some minds and dispositions accomplish their destiny by increasing our misery and making us more discontented and unhappy.

Cruel and false is he who builds his pleasure upon my pain, or his glory on my shame. There are none good—they may be wrong and wicked, yet your knowledge of it does not oblige you to disclose their character except to save others from injury. Wait and learn the whole story before you decide; then believe just what evidence compels you to and no more. But even then, take heed not to indulge the least unkindness else you dissipate all the spirit of prayer for them and unnerve yourself for doing them good.

We are nearer the truth in thinking well of persons than ill. Human nature is a tree bearing good as well as evil, but our eyes are wide open to the latter and half closed to the former. Believe but half the ill you hear and



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credit twice the good said of your neighbor. Among many species of animals, if one of their number is wounded and falls, he is at once torn to pieces by his fellows. Traces of their animal cruelty are found in men and women today. Let an injurious rumor originate from some loose tongue babbler and nine-tenths of her sisters will turn and tear her to pieces and the next day smile on the villain who ruined her. This is human nature in the rough. O, shame! Reverse the action—loathing for the unrepentant wretch and tenderness and pity and help for the wounded sister.

Why should we throw stones at our neighbors? They may be no more guilty than we; this is the animal nature in us. Will Christian people do it? No, but many that profess it will, and do.

If Christianity has not cut off the claws you are inclined to scratch and devour; you have cancer in the soul that must be cut out or purged out by the blood of the Lord, Jesus Christ. Who ever heard of a dove rending the breast of a robin, or a lamb sucking the blood of a kid? Hawks and tigers delight in this. Nature will reveal itself.

J. L. WEAVER.

Silage Relieves Pasture Shortage.

Too much dependency has been put upon grass alone for summer feeding, while too little attention has been given to a reserve supply of feed for periods of short pasture. Almost every year there is a period some time during the summer when the pastures are short. Young cattle are checked in growth and dairy cattle decline in milk flow from lack of feed.

On farms where much stock is kept it is practical to have two silos, one for winter feeding and a smaller one for summer. If the season is such that the silage is not needed it can be kept over until the next year. Or, if the silage is partially used, the silo can be refilled in the fall. The reason that the summer silo should be small is that during the warm weather a deeper layer of silage has to be taken off than in the winter to prevent spoiling.

C. H. Eckles, of the University of Missouri College of Agriculture, suggests that for a herd of 20 to 30 animals a silo 14 feet in diameter is large enough for winter use, while one 10 feet in diameter is ample for summer. The summer silo makes it possible during

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- Dirty milk—carrying germs to baby's stomach.
- Ice Cream made from unboiled milk or cream.
- Flies crawling over open vaults and manure-piles, leaving poison on baby's hands, mouth and food which he swallows.
- People with diarrhoea touching baby's hands or the toys which he always puts in his mouth.


HOW TO PREVENT:

- Nurse your baby. Ten bottle-fed babies die to one that is breast-fed.
- Even part mother's milk may save baby's life.
- Boil all milk—and chill quickly—all hot months.
- Keep baby cool.
- Give no ice cream unless made at home from boiled milk.
- Boiling kills the germs.
- Build baby a flyproof crib and play pen.
- Screen your house.
- Don't let any one touch baby's hands, food or toys, unless their hands are thoroughly scrubbed.
- Hands that look clean may carry death to your baby.
- Boil all water baby drinks. Carry boiled water to picnics.

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